

READY FOR THE FRAY

Idaho Democrats Have No Fear of the Result This Time.

REPUBLICANS' BAD RECORD

They've Made a Mess of Things From the Beginning and the Democracy Will Take Advantage of It.

Special Correspondence of the Standard.

BOISE, Ida., Feb. 13.—The two great political parties of the United States will announce their respective platforms next summer and nominate the men for the presidency and vice presidency who may be settled upon as being the most available. Until this is done the several states of this great republic will eagerly watch the movements of both democrats and republicans in the national congress and closely scrutinize the manner in which legislation relating to questions of vital importance to each of the sisterhood of states are received. In the meantime local causes and influences will be at work to shape public sentiment according to the likes and dislikes, the interests and predilections of the people. The doctrines of "protection" and "free trade" will be fully discussed in every city, village and hamlet throughout the country. Thoughts of everything from the highest and purest patriotism down to bloodiest bloody shirt will receive attention from the people, but in the main the voters will be honest; they will think soberly and honestly.

The spirit and genius of our institutions have impressed upon them the great truth that "Honesty is the best policy," and that "All men are born free and equal;" and that the future is to be gauged and judged by the past; that the greatest attainments and highest development of any people depend on the never changing and undying principles of honesty and freedom of thought.

As for Idaho, her people in the last campaign were led to believe that the republican party was a public benefactor; that it went about doing good; that it would give the Pacific slope, the greatest mineral belt on earth, free silver and protection for lead; that the wage worker would get value received for every lick he struck; that the homes of the poor would be filled with peace and plenty; that an era of prosperity unparalleled would be the happy lot of this young state if the republican party only gained the ascendancy.

In response to these splendid promises the people elevated the republican nominees to the highest positions in the gift of the state. This was done in greatest confidence. What has been done to fulfill these promises? How have the wishes of the people of the different sections of this young, though great and growing state been realized? In every essential point they have been thwarted. The very satisfactory promise made to North Idaho that she should have a United States senator, while South Idaho should have one was broken by a scheme of treachery and duplicity equaled only by the historic Brutus and that other character of irreproachable infamy, Judas Iscariot.

After inflicting four United States senators on the people of Idaho, the most unintelligible lot of laws ever formulated for any people on earth were finally finished and a contract, flavored with fraud, was made with the Statesman Printing company to put the same in book form, which was done in a very incorrect manner. This contract has a decidedly wrong look from the very fact that other bids for the state printing were lower than that made by the Statesman. What was the use of going through the farce of having others to offer bids when it was intended to give the job to a party organ in the hope it would devote its columns to defending the inexcusable acts of an incompetent republican legislature and an incorrigible state administration?

The administration opened up by having quite a sensational series of "prize-fights at the pen;" rock stealing by private citizens, aided by convicts and the prison commissioners, that too, from the prison reservation; by foolish equalization of property of the state favoring railroads as against the poor and honest toilers of the state; by appointing non-residents to fill civil positions in the state; by pandering to the Mormon element in order to get its vote at the next election; by shielding state officials who have turned out to be anything but benefactors to the race; they propose by shrewd manipulations to still hold power in face of all this villainy and corruption.

The democrats stand solid for "free silver;" they want enough protection; they want honest state officials and a competent legislature; they want good prison management; they want taxes properly equalized; they want incorruption and square fair dealing all round, and that is what democracy will give.

Capt. J. M. Wells, Idaho's world's fair commissioner, stated today that things look bright for a good exhibit at the big fair. The captain said that Nampa showed the greatest interest in the matter, if not greater, than any other town in the state. The captain addressed an enthusiastic audience in Nampa at a recent meeting of the board of trade. The board of trade offered the commissioner a suite of offices, so he well-lighted, and a liberal contribution if he would establish headquarters there. One thing is sure, Nampa will do her part.

John Shaffer and son of Rathdrum, North Idaho, are here testifying in the Stone case. Mr. Shaffer is a nephew of Admiral Porter of the United States navy.

C. H. Moore, the popular misologist who has been in charge of Harvey & Williams' saloon at Capital hotel, left today for Hailey, Idaho, where he will visit his many old friends.

A. Hirschel, a young taxidermist of this city, is mounting the large black wolf skin taken from the animal poisoned recently on the ranch of Capt. Ed. Pinkham. This young genius has many specimens of birds and animals.

Secretary of State Pinkham said today: "I am not a candidate for any office. I am tired of office. I accepted the secretaryship to please my friends. I will not accept anything new. I can make a living some other way and I will do it."

Those who know Mr. Pinkham's natural bent understand that he is not evaded that way. They know that an office, either elective or appointive, is necessary to his health.

Hawley & Reeves have just opened their

new office rooms in Old Fellow building. Ainslie, Gray & Vineyard now occupy office rooms in the Broadbent block.

Miller & Athey now occupy the office originally occupied by the Western Union Telegraph company.

Judge Nugent's court will convene on the 15th instant.

Governor Willey says there is a possibility of himself and Attorney General Roberts being saved from the wreck, but no others. It is a fine thing to have a good opinion of No. 1.

Phil Rogan of this city received yesterday several samples of ore from his valuable group of mines near Hailey, Idaho—one specimen from the Goffre claim that run 775 ounces and 90 per cent. lead, and one from the Argenta 185 ounces silver and 75 per cent. lead. Mr. Rogan's group consists of five claims, all of which are regarded by mining men as being very valuable.

PRODUCTION OF FLAX.

One of the Minor Agricultural Industries of the United States.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The superintendent of census has sent to the press a bulletin of the flax production. It shows the total area of land devoted to its cultivation in the United States in 1889 to have been 1,238,888 acres; the production of flax seed, 10,250,410 bushels; the production of flax, 241,389 pounds; the amount of flax straw sold or so utilized as to have a determined value, 207,757 tons, and the total value of all flax products, \$10,436,228. Although flax seed is reported from 31 states, Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska produced 8.06 per cent. of the total amount, or 1,045,613 bushels in excess of the entire production of the United States at the census of 1880.

Flax is now cultivated almost exclusively for seed, and in the old producing states its cultivation for its fibre is almost entirely abandoned. South Dakota had the largest acreage in 1889 and Minnesota the largest production of seed. Of states containing 1,000 acres or upward in flax, Wisconsin had the highest average yield of flax seed per acre, 11.32 bushels, and the highest average per acre of all flax products, 13.39. Throughout the greater portion of the principal flax seed producing regions flax straw is of little value and much of the so-called fibre is only of an inferior quality of tow and used chiefly for upholstering purposes. There are indications, however, of a revival in the United States of the linen industry that will afford a market for fine flax of domestic production, a branch of agriculture that for many years has been almost extinct.

KNIGHTS OF RECIPROCITY.

An Effort Will Be Made to Increase the Membership of the Order.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 12.—The Knights of Reciprocity have issued a circular to its membership with instructions to read in open lodge and hand copies to each member. According to this circular every state in the union is to be organized within 90 days. The circular goes on to say that perfect organization of every state in the union should be possible by reason of having recently received great assistance from the party in the East. The circular announced that the knights have grand lodges with heads of subordinate lodges in Kansas, Missouri, Louisiana, District of Columbia and Maryland. The republicans are warned that the democrats and the alliance have practically concluded a plan of fusion for the states of Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Kansas, and by which the democrats are to have presidential electors and members of congress, while the people's party is to have state officers and members of the legislature. It is announced that the intention is to first organize democratic and doubtful states.

Silver in Prussia. BERLIN, Feb. 12.—In the reichstag today, a bill for the withdrawal from circulation of the Austrian verointhalers passed its third reading. Maltzan, minister of finance, replying to Louschners, who had expressed fear lest such a quantity of silver as the government would obtain through such withdrawal would cause a drop in the price, said that the sale of the metal would not commence until Austria has been given due notification of the withdrawal. He added that the bill would not prejudicially affect the selection of a favorable moment to dispose to the government stocks of silver.

They Probably Will.

From the New York Commercial Advertiser. They were two lawyers and they had dropped into the Imperial to have a friendly chat. In the course of conversation their mutual business affairs came up, and one asked the other what cases he had on hand.

"Only one, Dick," he answered. "That's a grand larceny case."

"Not bad, Jim," said the other. "What are the facts?"

"Quite simple. My client went into a jewelry store and ran out with a tray of rings."

"What does he say about it?"

"Says he knew the proprietor, and he took the tray only for a joke."

"How far did he go before they caught him?"

"Oh, about three blocks."

"An afraid," said the other reflectively, "that the jury will think he carried that joke too far."

Never Held Two Offices at Once.

From the Chicago Inter Ocean. Grover Cleveland may shoot ducks and fish well, but he never held two big offices at the same time and grabbed the salaries of both.

The king of Siam has conferred the Order of the White Elephant upon Frederick N. Verney, the English secretary of the Siamese legation. No woman has yet received the Order of the White Elephant.

Spurgeon, like Grant, loved a good cigar, and he smoked almost as many of them as the general did. The great preacher was a man of curious physique. He was short and fat, or of "portly habit," as the doctors say euphemistically.

Tom Collins—The singing of the Lonelyville choir reminds me of an experience I had the other night returning from the club.

"What was it?"

"It took me about half an hour to strike the right key."

Bids will be received until Monday March 7, 1892, for the sale of the property known as the Central school property. Terms, one-third cash, the balance in three and six months. Plat can be seen at the office of Messrs. Wilson & Gilling. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. By order of the board of trustees of school district No. 1. E. M. Trask, chairman; S. B. Rice, clerk. Butte, Jan. 7, 1892.

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